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Sent: 11/24/2020 2:01:21 PM
To: Risley, David [Risley.David@epa.gov]
CC: Hackel, Angela [Hackel.Angela@epa.gov]; Wise, Allison [Wise.Allison@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Tampa Bay Times request -- Florida/404 permitting

Thanks David!

Brandi

From: Risley, David <Risley.David@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, November 24, 2020 8:53 AM
To: Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>
Cc: Hackel, Angela <Hackel.Angela@epa.gov>; Wise, Allison <Wise.Allison@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: Tampa Bay Times request -- Florida/404 permitting

This is approved from OW. Many thanks!

David Risley
EPA Office of Water Communications
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Cell Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

On Nov 23, 2020, at 9:49 PM, Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov> wrote:

David,

Below is our draft response.

Ex. 5 Deliberative Process (DP)

Brandi

From: Risley, David <Risley.David@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 11:21 AM
To: Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>; Hackel, Angela <Hackel.Angela@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Tampa Bay Times request -- Florida/404 permitting

Brandi, based on my understanding of the process, I would recommend R4 draft and OW review. But, let me know if that doesn't work for any reason.

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Cell Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

From: Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 11:20 AM
To: Hackel, Angela <Hackel.Angela@epa.gov>
Cc: Risley, David <Risley.David@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Tampa Bay Times request -- Florida/404 permitting

Sorry Angela. I'm just seeing this message. We can take it if needed.

Brandi

From: Hackel, Angela <Hackel.Angela@epa.gov>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 11:19 AM
To: Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>
Subject: FW: Tampa Bay Times request -- Florida/404 permitting

Hi Brandi,

Just confirming that R4 has this one?

Thanks,

Angela

From: Zachary Sampson <zsampson@tampabay.com>
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2020 11:05 AM
To: Jenkins, Brandi <Jenkins.Brandi@epa.gov>; Press <Press@epa.gov>
Subject: Tampa Bay Times request -- Florida/404 permitting

Hello,

I'm the environmental reporter at the Tampa Bay Times working on a story about public comments submitted for Florida's proposal to assume 404 permitting duties. I'm on deadline and am looking for a response by tomorrow (11/24) at noon.

Of the 446 comments available online earlier this month that I was able to review, at least 394 were opposed to the state taking over the programming. Among the criticisms were that the state environmental agency is beholden to developers and political influence, has seen staffing reductions including vacant positions and has not provided a clear breakdown of the exact waters it will seek to oversee.

I'm hoping for comment from EPA on the thrust of these comments. How will the agency consider these comments in its decision? What weight are they given? Additionally, when does it plan to make its decision? Is it possible the EPA could extend the current timeline, including leaving the decision to a future administration?

My cell is 401-474-2585.

Thanks,

Zack

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